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SUBJECT: SOVIET SATISFACTION WITH SUMMIT

THE SOVIET UNION'S THREE TOP GOVERNING BODIES--THE POLITBURO, THE PRESIDIUM OF THE SUPREME SOVIET, AND THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS-- HAVE PUT THEIR STAMP OF APPROVAL ON BREZHNEV'S REPORT ON THE RESULTS OF THE SUMMIT MEETING. AUTHORITATIVE COMMENTARY HAS YET TO APPEAR IN THE CENTRAL PRESS, BUT EXCERPTS REPRINTED FROM FOREIGN COMMENTARY INDICATES THAT THE SOVIETS ARE SUFFICIENTLY SATISFIED WITH THE AGREEMENTS REACHED TO STRESS THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE SUMMIT OVER THE GENERAL USEFULNESS OF SUCH MEETINGS AS THE MAIN CHANNEL OF BILATERAL CONSULTATION. THE LATTER CONCEPT ALSO RECIEVES FAIRLY GENEROUS PLAY.

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SOVIET SATISFACTION WITH THE SUMMIT AT THE JULY 4 SPASO HOUSE RECEPTION, BUT NOTED HIS OWN FEELING THAT MORE IN ARMS CONTROL MIGHT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED HAD NOT DOMESTIC DIFFICULTIES LIMITED THE PRESIDENT'S FREEDOM TO NEGOTIATE IN THIS AREA. OTHERS AT THE RECEPTION MADE THE SAME LINKAGE. IN THE MAIN, HOWEVER, SOVIET COMMENTS AT SPASO HOUSE WERE POSITIVE, AS EXPECTED. SEVERAL SOVIETS TOOK PARTICULAR RELISH IN THE FACT THAT US CRITICS OF THE SUMMIT HAD BEEN CONFOUNDED. GRIGORYANTS TOOK A MORE CAUTIOUS APPROACH, SAYING THAT THE MAJOR IZVESTIA COMMENTARY ON THE SUMMIT WOULD PROBABLY AWAIT A REVIEW OF US PRESS REACTION.

THE SOVIET TURNOUT FOR THE RECEPTION WAS HEAVY, WITH DEPUTY PREMIERS KIRILLIN AND ARKHIPOV HEADING THE LIST. WHILE A COME-DOWN FROM LAST YEAR, WHEN FIRST DEPUTY PREMIER MAZUROV, A POLITBURO MEMBER, WAS THE RANKING GUEST, THE EMBASSY DOUBTS THAT ANY SLIGHT WAS INTENDED. IT WAS TOLD ON JULY 1 THAT KIRILLIN WOULD BE THE RANKING SOVIET GUEST, AND IT SUGGESTS THAT THE ABSENCE OF POLITBURO MEMBERS MAY HAVE BEEN DUE TO A POLITBURO MEETING ON JULY 4. ALTHOUGH IT HAS NO CONFIRMATION THAT SUCH A MEETING TOOK

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PLACE, THE EMBASSY NOTES THAT IT WOULD BE LOGICAL FOR SUCH A
GATHERING TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE THE DAY AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF
THE SUMMIT, PARTICULARLY AS THURSDAYS ARE OFTEN POLITBURO
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